

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend paragraph **[0004]** as follows:

**[0004]** A method includes associating areas of a touch interface of a mobile electronic device with letters such that each area is associated with only one letter and wherein at least some of the associated areas are defined to overlap with one another to form intermediate regions that represent more than one letter. The method also includes detecting a location of a user's touch on the touch interface. For each area of the touch interface which includes the location, the letter associated therewith is identified.

Please amend paragraph **[0006]** as follows:

**[0006]** A mobile electronic device may include one or more touch interfaces to receive a touch by a user, means for displaying one or more rows of letters, and means for associating areas of the one or more touch interfaces with the letters such that each area is associated with only one letter and wherein at least some of the associated areas are defined to overlap with one another to form intermediate regions that represent more than one letter. The mobile electronic device may also include a microprocessor that is configured to. The microprocessor may identify which letters are associated with areas of the one or more touch interfaces that include a location of the touch. The microprocessor may also execute a predictive text software module to determine which of the identified letters the user intended to select.

Please amend paragraph **[0009]** as follows:

**[0009]** For at least one particular letter, an area of the one or more touch interfaces associated with the particular letter may be completely overlapped jointly by a portion of an area of the one or more touch interfaces associated with an adjacent letter to the left of the particular letter to define a first intermediate region and by a portion of an area of the one or more touch interfaces associated with an adjacent letter to the right of the particular letter to define a first intermediate region, wherein the first and second intermediate regions are adjacent to one another.

Please amend paragraph [0010] as follows:

**[0010]** For at least one particular letter, an area of the one or more touch interfaces associated with the particular letter may be partially overlapped by a portion of an area of the one or more touch interfaces associated with an adjacent letter to the left of the particular letter to define a first intermediate region and by a portion of an area of the one or more touch interfaces associated with an adjacent letter to the right of the particular letter to define a second intermediate region, wherein the first and second intermediate regions are not adjacent to one another.